



00862.022241.

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: P. Edwards
KEIICHI IWAMURA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/867,432	)	
	:	
Filed: May 31, 2001	)	
	:	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	May 25, 2006
APPARATUS, IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING METHOD, AND	)	
STORAGE MEDIUM	:	

**Mail Stop: RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2006, and prior to further examination, please amend the application as follows: